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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SHUZO FUJIMURA et al.

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For: SURFACE TREATMENT
METHOD AND EQUIPMENT

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
Mailed September 28, 2004

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three month extension of time to respond to this office action is being filed herewith..

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.